

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9328

AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EWWT PINT LE

SUBJ: BEIRUT PORT SITREP AUGUST 21

REF: (A) BEIRUT 4810, (B) ALEXANDRIA 0708

1. EMBOFFS VISITED BEIRUT PORT 1430 HOURS AUGUST 21. PORT HAD OPERATED FEEBLY DURING DAY WITH APPROXIMATELY 25 PERCENT WORKFORCE PRESENT. AT LEAST TWO, POSSIBLY FIVE GRENADES LANDED IN PORT AREA DURING DAY. GATES REMAINED OPEN AND VEHICLES ABLE REMOVE GOODS DESPITE GRENADES. ONE SHIP REPORTEDLY ENTERED HARBOR AUGUST 19.

2. COMMENT: WE APPEAR TO BE WITNESSING NEW PHASE IN EVOLUTION OF PORT OPERATIONS. HENRI PHARAON AND THE PORT COMPANY ARE WITH MODEST SUCCESS CALLING UPON WORKERS TO CHALLENGE HAZARD PRESENTED BY GRENADES. GOL, ADF, AND AMIN GEMAYEL, AND ALSO SHEIKH PIERRE AS EVIDENCED BY HIS VISIT TO PORT AUGUST 18, PUBLICLY FAVOR PORT REOPENING. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR GRENADES (MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE BACHIR GEMAYEL'S MILITIAMEN) ARE THUS PUBLICLY CONTRADICTED ACROSS A BROAD FRONT AND FIND PRESENT LEVEL OF THEIR

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ATTACKS FAILED TO CLOSE PORT ENTIRELY EITHER LAST SATURDAY OR TODAY. PORT STATUS THEREFORE UNCERTAIN PENDING DECISION BY ATTACKERS TO DESIST, ESCALATE, OR CONTINUE HARASSMENT OF PARTIALLY OPEN FACILITY.

DECONTROL 12/31/79.

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